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In re the Application of: **Hidekazu MICHIOKA et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.